THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Export-import taxes are collected only by the Customs. Accurate details are regularly being submitted by the Customs regarding collection of import duty and cess on exports at Moreh Land Customs Station.

(b) Details of collection of taxes as above, on year-wise basis, are enclosed as per Statement. *(See* below).

No instance of malpractice by the Customs has been noticed.

Statement

Year-wise details of import duty and cess on exports collected at Moreh Land Customs Station

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Import Duty (In Rupees)	Cess on Export (In Rupees)
1.	1998-1999	46,27,832	9,12,962
2.	1999-2000	54,11,983	2,11,427
3.	2000-2001	1,22,60,853	3,24,236
4.	2001-2002 (Upto October 2001)	32,02,548	49,189

Downsizing of Ministries/Departments of Government

246. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Geethakrishnan Committee has made specific recommendations to reduce flab in the Finance, Information and Broadcasting, Coal, Petroleum and Chemicals Ministries;

(b) if so, what are its main recommendations;

(c) whether no Ministry is intended to implement the letter and spirit of the report of the Committee; and

(d) if so, what are Government's alternative plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) The recommendations made by the Expenditure Reforms Commission under the Chairmanship of Shri K.P. Geethakrishnan, in so far as these relate to rightsizing of the Ministries of Finance, Information and Broadcasting, Coal, Petroleum and Natural Gas and Chemicals and Fertilizers, relate, *inter-alia* to abolition of 4 posts at the level of JS and above, 31 posts below JS level, restructuring of the National Small Savings Organisation, downsizing and corporatisation of the Mints and Presses under the Department of Economic Affairs; abolition of the Office of Coal Controller and downsizing in the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation in the Ministry of Coal; restructuring of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; restructuring and merger of the Departments of Chemicals and Petrochemicals and Fertilizers in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers; restructuring and reorganisation of various organisations in the Department of Expenditure. So far as the Department of Economic Affairs is concerned, 4 posts at the level of JS and above, 39 posts at the level of Director and below have already been abolished, apart from abolition of 1698 posts in the Currency & Coinage Division and 121 posts in the National Small Savings Organisation. The other recommendations of the Expenditure Reforms Commission, have been for- warded to concerned Ministries/ Departments for appropriate action.

Value of rupee after terrorist attack in USA

247. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rupee value touched an all time low with respect to dollar, following the terrorist-blasts on September 11, 2001, in New York and Washington;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to stabilise the rupee value; and

(c) in what manner, the value of rupee has fared during the following months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The exchange rate of the rupee was Rs. 47.22 per US dollar as on September 7, 2001, which depreciated by about 2.0 per cent